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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants submit the references listed on the enclosed PTO form 1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office Action on the merits, in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Accordingly, no fee is due.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed reference may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the reference has not been

reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the reference. This statement is not a representation that the listed reference has effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

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Respectfully submitted,

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